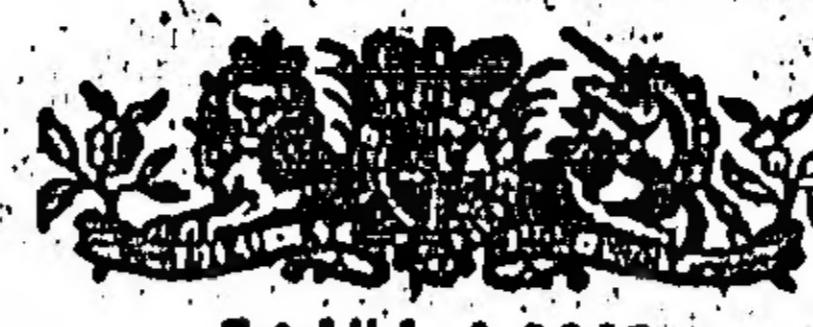


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Inauguration
Day

To the American nation, the pomp and circumstance, the colour and gaiety will capture chief attraction at today's inauguration of President Eisenhower. But to the outside world principal interest will be concentrated on Mr Eisenhower's first speech as the new President of the United States and recognised leader of the free world. The importance of Mr Eisenhower's speech need not be underrated; nevertheless, it is unlikely that he will do more than present a generalised outline of the policies—foreign and domestic—which his administration intend to adopt during the next four years. Some of these can be safely forecast. Assuredly he will reaffirm the United States' faith in the United Nations, for this organisation still stands as the only corner stone upon which world security can be established. Mr Eisenhower can also be expected to restate his confidence in the ability of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to build itself into an effective instrument against Communist aggression in Western Europe. But it is also likely that the new President will indicate his preoccupation with the failure of European members of NATO to live up fully to their rearmament obligations during the past year, and he may also express some concern over the relative slowness of achieving political and economic unity in Western Europe. As Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Europe last year he gave expression to his disappointment that progress in this direction had been tediously slow, and his recognition of the importance of West Europe as a bulwark against Communist expansion may bring from him today an appeal for a more energetic tackling of common problems by the Allied Powers in Europe.

THE Far East will await with special interest for any reference to new American policies relative to this part of the world. He may, for example, offer the first clue as to the conclusions he reached consequent on his trip to Korea. Mr Eisenhower has already acknowledged that settlement of the Korean war is a sine qua non to the stabilising of world peace, but he has yet to disclose whether or how a rapid end to the conflict in Korea can be achieved. It is to be very much doubted whether, in his inauguration speech, he will satisfy speculation concerning the possible future employment of Chinese Nationalist forces based on Formosa, or whether he will make reference, either direct or indirect, to the de-nationalisation of the Formosa Straits and the imposition of an all-out blockade of the China coast which many of his Party supporters have been advocating for some time past. His message to Asia is more likely to take the form of promising United States assistance, particularly economic, to all those peoples prepared to unite and actively combat and withstand Communist threats to their freedom and welfare. Mr Eisenhower may not subscribe to the policy of pitting Asians against Asians, but he has clearly manifested a willingness to see that those who are prepared to help themselves shall also be helped. The world anticipates Mr Eisenhower's inauguration with unconcealed interest; but even keener attention will be paid to the early months of his Presidency when United States foreign policies will begin to reveal themselves.

101 EGYPTIAN CIVILIANS ARRESTED

Big Round-Up Of Mau Mau Suspects

Nairobi, Jan. 19. Forty-five members of anti-white terrorist Mau Mau gangs were counted in the net today after a round-up sweep through 100 square miles of the Aberdare forest.

The operation, named "Longbow," was conducted by a mixed force of King's African Rifles, European members of the Kenya Regiment, and Kikuyu resistance men, under Assistant Commissioner of Police McGoun.

They combed the mountain and the forest edges where the Mau Mau gangs lay in wait to raid farms and villages at night in search of food.

The total bag in this operation and the two preceding ones, "Bills" and "Yellow Hackle," was 104 suspects, including three killed.

Authorities said there is evidence that further large groups of Mau Mau are still in the area and the search is to continue with nightly ambushes to trap the raiders.—Associated Press.

OFFER MADE TO MUTINOUS CONVICTS

Pittsburgh, Jan. 19.

Prison officials, backed up by scores of heavily-armed police, today promised 1,100 mutinous Western Penitentiary convicts an investigation of all their grievances if they would end their two-day riot and surrender four hostages.

A 12-man delegation representing the rioters agreed to present the terms to the mutineers for "their reaction."

Parliament Reopens

Eden Will Face Many Questions

London, Jan. 20.

Parliament, reassembling today, will press the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, now acting as Prime Minister, for news on many vital international issues that have arisen during its month-long Christmas recess.

Mr Winston Churchill, now ending a holiday in Jamaica, will miss the first week's meetings, which are likely to include a domestic row on proposals to increase road and rail transport fares.

Some of the topics on which members await information are:

1. The British Government's recent disclosure of a new Nazi plot in Western Germany highlighted by the arrest of former Nazis.

2. Developments in the critical Anglo-Egyptian negotiations now taking place in Cairo on the constitutional future of the million-square mile Sudan.

3. Progress made towards settlement of the Anglo-Persian oil dispute now being discussed in Tehran by Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, Persia's Prime Minister, with Mr Loy Henderson, United States Ambassador.

4. The new anti-Jewish and anti-Western campaign in the Iron Curtain countries.

Parliament is now entering on a period that will lead up to a short political truce for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June.

But two major battles lie ahead over Government plans to de-nationalise the iron and steel industry transferred to public ownership by the Labour administration in 1950, and the road transport industry acquired by the State in 1947.

Both acts of nationalisation were part of the Socialists' "first five-year plan" introduced when they won power in 1945.—Reuter.

Report Denied

Paris, Jan. 19.

A spokesman at General Matthew Ridgway's SHAPE Headquarters today issued a "complete denial" that the General had contemplated or was contemplating asking to be relieved of his present appointment.

The spokesman was referring to a report in a British Sunday newspaper that General Ridgway wanted to be replaced by a more politically minded military commander.—Reuter.

Communists Included

Cairo, Jan. 19.

The Cabinet Minister, Mr Fuad Galal, announced tonight that 101 civilians, including 48 "known Communists," were arrested when the Government cracked down on a threatened plot last week.

Mr Galal, Minister of National Guidance, said they were held in addition to 25 army officers.

Of the arrested civilians, 39 were suspected of having connections with foreign elements interested in fomenting trouble in Egypt, Mr Galal said.

The Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, told pressmen on Saturday that some of the plotters had foreign connections but would not say with what country.

Mr Galal added that 14 of the arrested belonged to various political parties, all of which were disbanded by government decree in the wake of the discovery of the plot.

The 14 came chiefly from the Wafid Party—once the country's most powerful group—and from the Saudis, who split off from the Nationalist Wafd.

Mr Galal would not confirm or deny that the Wafid's long-standing leader, Mustafa Nahas, had been placed under house arrest.

Mustafa Nahas returned to Cairo from a holiday at Aswan, Upper Egypt.

Before it banned the parties and while it was still campaigning for their "purification," the Naguib Government had objected to his being recognised as leader of the Wafid.

Mr Galal gave the first official names those arrested at the weekend.

Among them were: Prince Atta Halm, cousin of ex-king Farouk, who was implicated in the scandal over the purchase of fifty armoured cars for the Egyptian Army during the Palestine war. He was held under arrest by General Naguib from September until December 1952, when he pledged support for the regime.

Fund Sir El Din, millionaire, former Secretary-General of the Wafid Party.

INTERIOR MINISTER

He was Minister of Interior during the Black Saturday riots in Cairo in January 1952 for which he was held to be "administratively responsible."

Fathy Ramly, communist editor of Al Maorid, one of the six communist newspapers which have been closed down.

Mr Galal said the banning of all political parties was the "logical end of a decayed and corrupted regime."

Everybody in Egypt is sick of the political strife which is detrimental to the country. The interests of the nation were sacrificed to the interests of parties and those of the parties sacrificed to the benefit of individuals.

These Acts, dating back to 1925, ban many kinds of entertainment and activity, including regular theatre performances, on Saturday evenings.

"The political parties failed to purge themselves. Not only that but they continued to hinder the new regime. There was no alternative but to get rid of them."—Reuter.

Cost Of Living Quiz

London, Jan. 19. Twenty thousand British families are to be quizzed on their spending habits to help the government find out what the cost of living really is in the nation today.

Father will be asked to keep a record over three weeks of how much he spends on drinks, smoking, train fares, having his hair cut—in fact what happens to every half-penny in his pocket.

Mother will record every item in her budget, from toothpaste to toys, son will disclose how much he spends on his girl friend and daughter will tell what her lipstick and cinema going cost.

The Japanese expedition also set up the attempt.

The Japanese expedition—five students and a professor from Waseda University—had hoped to make the climb today but were reported to be insufficiently trained. Their base is 13,000 feet above sea level.

Seven climbers from two Argentine expeditions reached the key crest of Aconcagua on Thursday.—Reuter.

Family Of 3 Die From Shot Wounds

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London, Jan. 19. Entertainment for 100,000 Commonwealth visitors expected in England for the Coronation is being rapidly organised by a Coronation Committee for Private Hospitality working in London. The idea is not so much to "treat" them—they will pay their own expenses—but to make them feel completely at home.

The Committee is working in the Commonwealth Relations Office in Downing Street, under the chairmanship of Sir Harry Batterbee, who was Britain's High Commissioner in New Zealand during the war. He has always been prominent in Commonwealth activities in the United Kingdom.

One of the events already arranged is a garden party for 1,000 guests on May 31 at the home of Lord Salsbury, till recently Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. His home at Hatfield, just outside London, is one of the most famous in England.

This will be followed on June 5 by a garden party given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Fisher, at Lambeth Palace. Then, on June 7, another will be given by the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough at Blenheim Palace.

The Hospitality Committee is not concentrating solely on arranging welcomes for Commonwealth visitors in the state homes of England. It is also mobilising the efforts of ordinary people to give them a real welcome everywhere.

ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS

An army of volunteers is being recruited—men and women ready to take visitors home for dinner or tea, or to parties. Others are being asked to take Commonwealth people to some of the social events of Coronation month, and show them a few of the sights of London.

Britons living in centres of interest outside London, such as Oxford and Cambridge, are being invited to help.

"No one is to be left out of this great family party," Sir Harry Batterbee said.

"We have nothing to do with the accommodation of visitors. Our whole effort is to ensure that Commonwealth visitors

Princess Royal's Tour

London, Jan. 19. The Princess Royal, aunt of Queen Elizabeth, is expected to sail for the West Indies next Saturday.

She is due to arrive in Trinidad by February 8. Her tour will also take in British Guiana from February 14 to February 19, and Barbados from February 10 to February 24. —Reuter.

"Only a man who deceives himself is fit to defend the nation."

Dr Blank, who is to become West Germany's first Defence Minister, said that all steps would be taken to prevent a re-emergence of the traditional German "Military caste". He announced that officers would be chosen by regular citizens, testing boards and standards set up by the Cdu/CSU "so that the German people will know to whom we are entrusting their sons."

Dr Blank also revealed that no German will be drafted until at least 12 months after both the Allied-West German "peace contracts" and the European Army treaty are ratified, French Premier René Mayer has asked for amendments to the European Army Pact, so that even the most optimistic observers reckon that the two treaties will not go into effect until the middle of this year.

Dr Blank disclosed that 40,000 German World War II veterans had applied for posts with the European Army forces.

The joint European Army

would do away with purely national armies, "thus depriving any unsound nationalism of their playground," Dr Blank declared.—United Press.

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supplies. We have to transport men and supplies over great distances." —United Press.

Minister Outlines New Model Army For W. Germany

Munich, Jan. 19.

The West German security chief, Dr Theodor Blank, has stated that the planned West German army would represent a radical departure from Prussian militarism, but indicated that few, if any, of the almost 500,000 troops would be in uniform before mid-1954.

The "new" German army will be a completely revised model compared with German military machines of the past, he said.

Yoga For Smugglers

Bombay, Jan. 19. An Indian customs official reported today that the Customs had seized gold worth almost U.S.\$10,000 hidden inside the stomachs of six men arriving here by a coastal steamer from Goa in Portuguese India.

Each of the six had 10 gold bars inside his stomach when they disembarked here on Sunday. Tipped in advance, Customs men sent them all to hospital for X-raying.

The men are said to have practised Yoga in order to keep large quantities of solids within their systems.—United Press.

CARDINAL ON KOREA WAR

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Fewer Killed On Roads

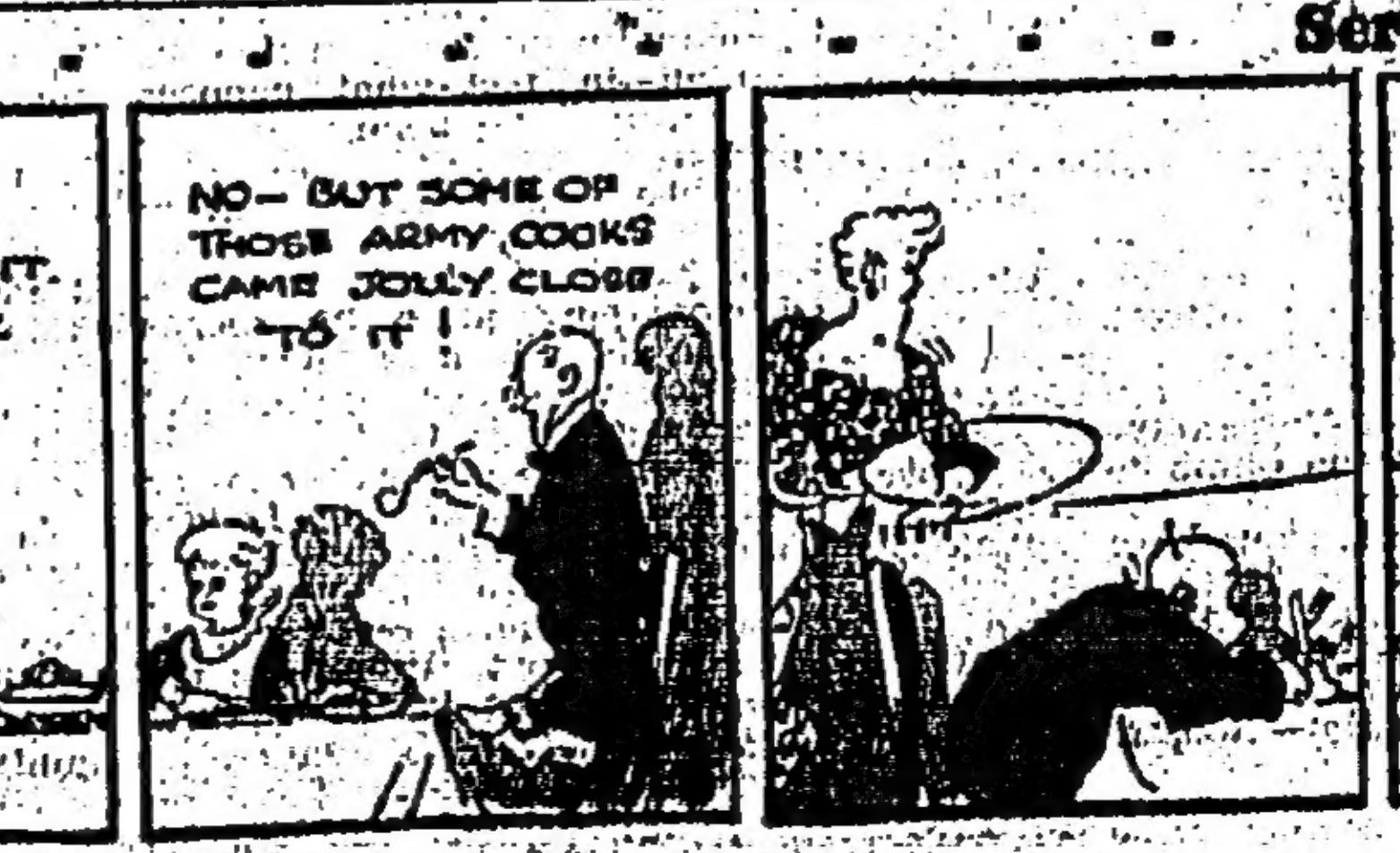
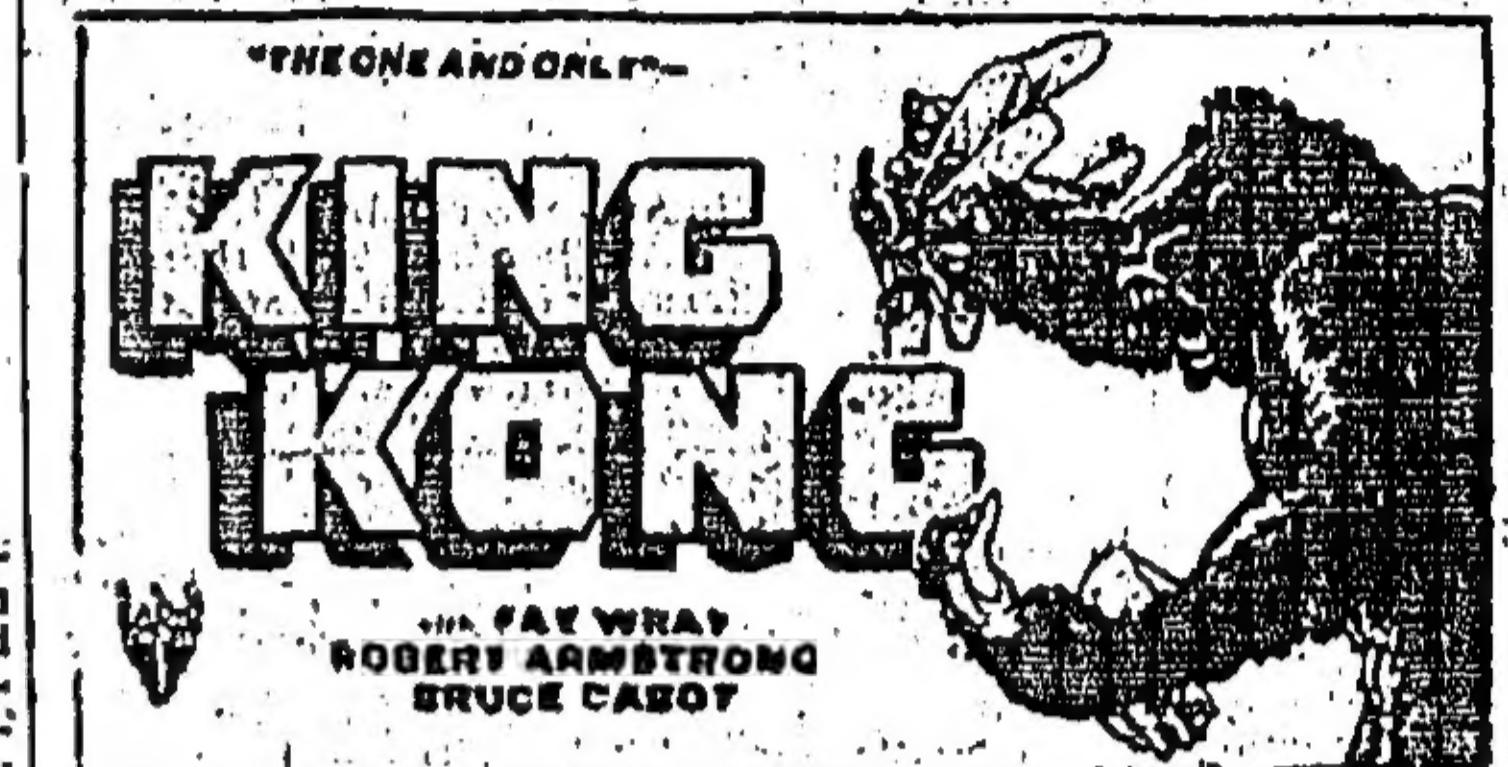
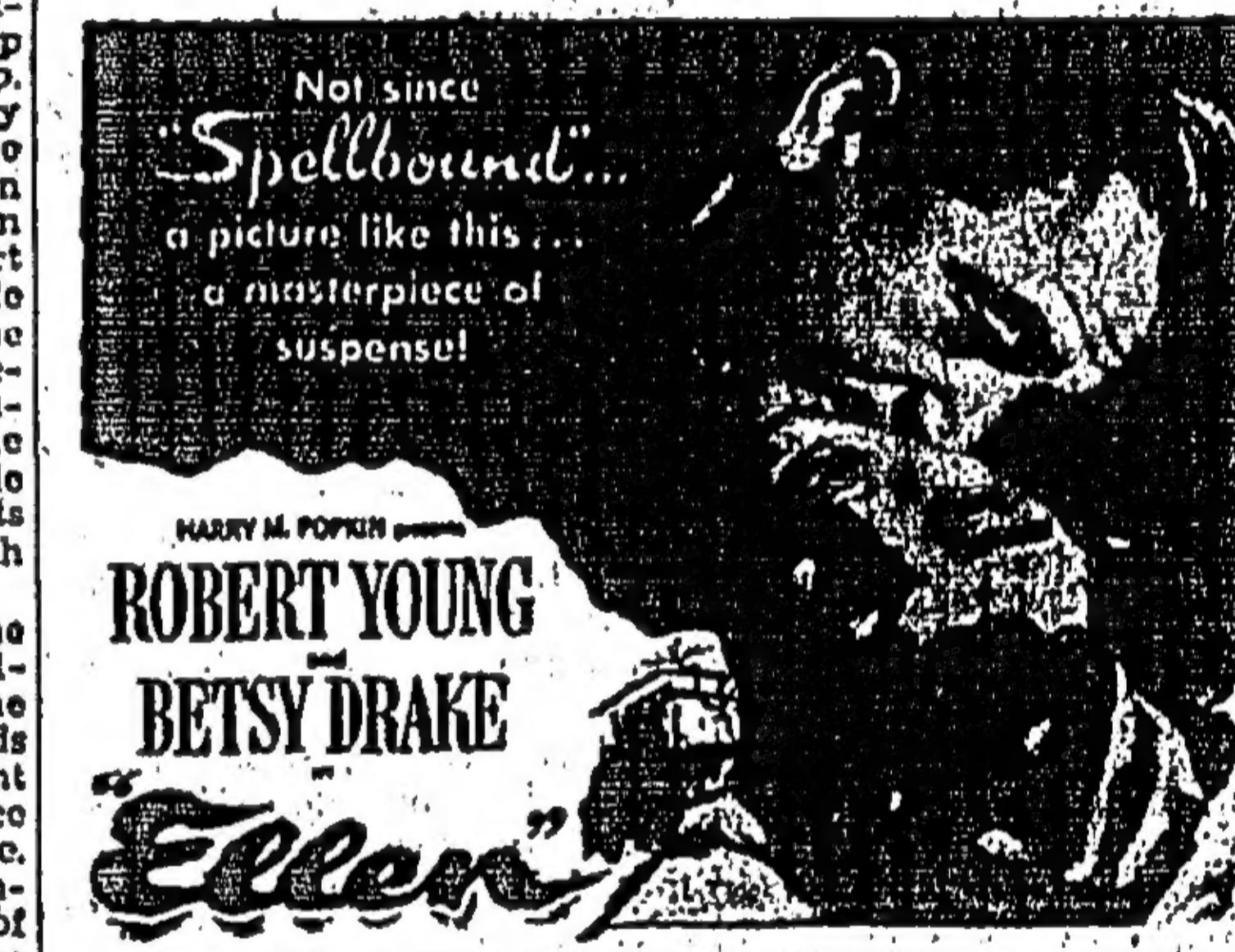
London, Jan. 19. A total of 4,703 people were killed and 50,371 seriously injured on the roads of Britain last year.

The Transport Ministry, announcing these figures today, said the number killed was the lowest since records were started in 1920, except for the petrol rationing period during and just after the war. Road casualties as a whole were the lowest since 1930. —Reuter.

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U.S. To Sign Agreement With Spain

Madrid, Jan. 19.

The United States and Spain are entering an era of close co-operation in all spheres, according to Madrid diplomatic circles. An official agreement between the two countries is expected to be signed after the Eisenhower Administration takes over tomorrow.

But American buyers, interested in Spanish goods, particularly strategic minerals, have been flooding the State Department with demands for a trade pact to be signed quickly so that immediate preferential treatment can be given to imports from Spain.

Financial Talks With Japan

London, Jan. 20. Anglo-Japanese talks on balance of payments questions will be held in Tokyo soon between representatives of the British and Japanese Governments, the Treasury announced today.

They have been arranged at the request of the Japanese Government.

The negotiations were provided for under the terms of the exchange of letters which accompanied the signing of the Sterling Payments Agreement between the two countries on August 31, 1951. This was recently renewed until the end of 1953.

According to usually reliable sources, Japan may ask for some revision of the existing payments arrangements in view of last year's steady decline in exports to the Sterling Area and parallel drop in Sterling holdings.

These are now reported to be about £80,000,000.

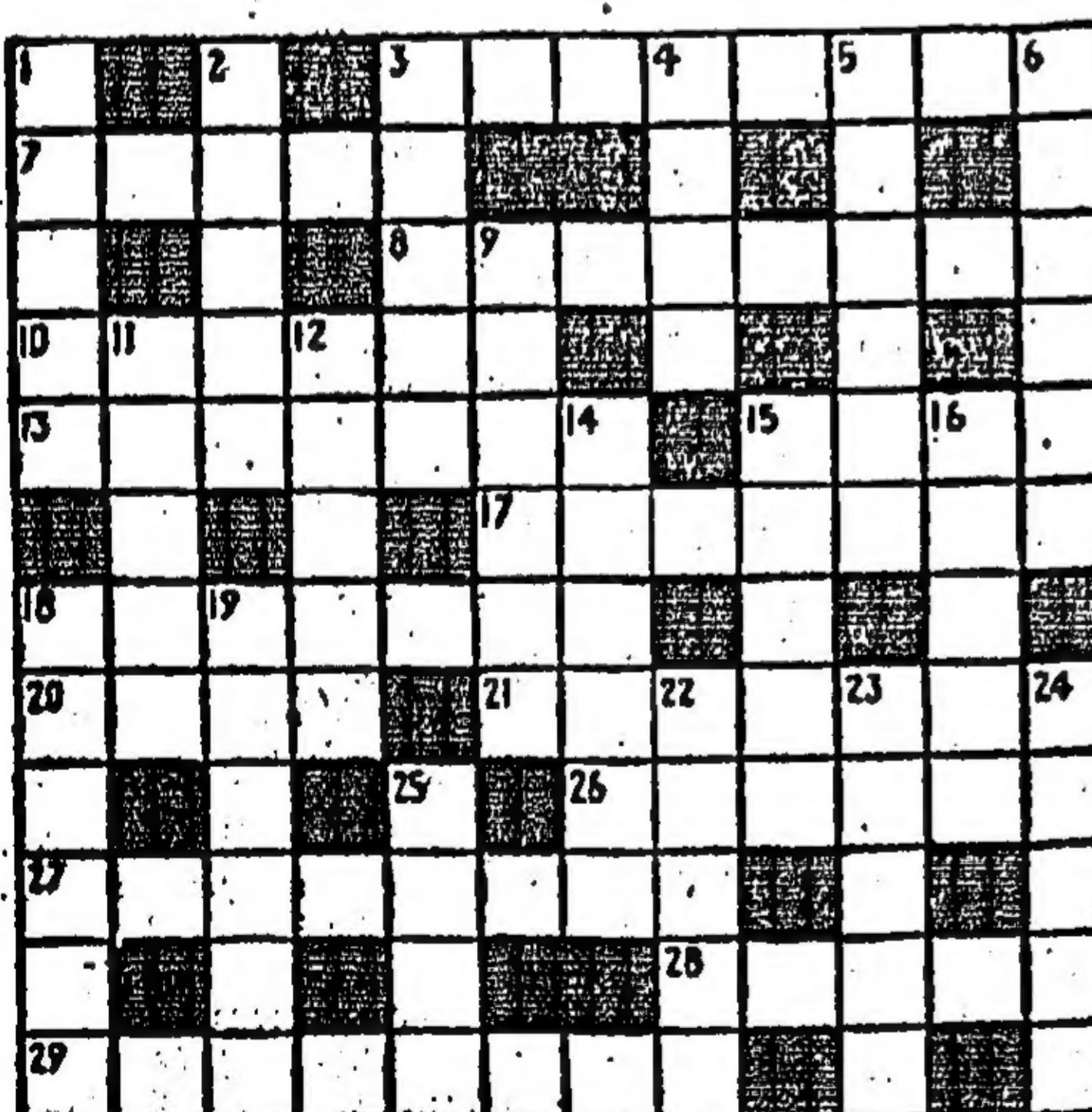
The 1951 agreement paved the way for expanded trade between Japan and Britain.

The agreement was designed to relax payments restrictions between Japan and the Sterling Area. It thus created a more normal payments relationship between them.

It provided for the settlement in Sterling of payments between residents of Japan and the Sterling Area.

The agreement also enabled Japan to develop multi-lateral trade. This became possible because Japan was able to make and receive payments in Sterling to and from a wide range of countries outside the Sterling Area.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 3 Penon (8).
- 5 Custom (5).
- 6 Addition (8).
- 10 Shred (6).
- 13 Adyome (7).
- 15 Litter (4).
- 17 Revolves (7).
- 18 Gratifies (7).
- 20 Actual (4).
- 21 Landied properties (7).
- 24 Fur (6).
- 27 Talk (6).
- 28 Similar (5).
- 29 Silt (6).

DOWN:

- 1 In front (5).
- 2 Assists (5).
- 3 Express (5).
- 4 Smooth (4).
- 5 Dwarf (6).
- 6 Negligent (6).
- 9 Edict (6).
- 11 Move crabwise (6).
- 12 Normal (6).
- 14 Throws up (6).
- 15 Mode of address (6).
- 16 Numerical (6).
- 18 Digest (6).
- 19 Merited (6).
- 22 Entertaining (6).
- 23 Shy (6).
- 24 Drain (6).
- 25 Period (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Hovers, 5 Scamp, 9 Alter, 9 Manage 10 Vernon, 11 Sewed, 12 Hood, 13 Rises, 16 Sedate, 18 Towel, 20 Pearl, 22 Deep, 23 Ruler, 25 Scout, 26 Rotten, 27 Rents, 28 Bliss, 29 Sovres Down: Homo, 2 Verdinian, 3 Kings, 4 Slovens, 5 Several, 6 Credit, 7 Moose, 14 Selector, 15 Suspects, 16 Salutes, 17 Dowers, 19 Errors, 21 Excel, 24 Rose.

More Church Persecution Ahead?

London, Jan. 19. Communist Poland's leading newspaper alleged today that four Roman Catholic "priest spies" have been discovered in Poland and "many more Church dignitaries" are involved in spying.

The newspaper, Trybuna Ludu, reported by Warsaw Radio, said reports sent by "innocent and naive" priests to their bishops on the life of their parishes were sifted for use by foreign powers.

The four "priest spies" were discovered after the arrest of four priests last month for spying, the newspaper said.—Reuter.

NO REPLY YET FROM MOSCOW

Washington, Jan. 19. The Soviet Union has been invited to a four-power meeting to be held in London on January 30 to make a renewed effort to reach agreement on an Austrian treaty.

A State Department spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, said today that invitations had been issued five days ago but so far there had been no answer from Moscow.

The bases which Spanish workmen and technicians are to modernise with American equipment paid for by the U.S. Defence Department have been decided upon; the Spanish officers who are to command them have been chosen.

The U.S. 6th Fleet, under Admiral Carney, will use six Spanish ports — Cadiz, Seville, Malaga, Cartagena, Barcelona and Mahon (Balearic Islands). Far away from the Spanish mainland, at Mahon—once a traditional port of call for the British Navy — the American sailors will find amusements specially prepared for them.

PLANES FROM UK?

A part — reports say as much as 30 per cent — of the U.S. strategic fighter and bomber groups based at present in North Africa, France and Britain may move into Spain during 1953 to occupy seven airfields: at Madrid, Seville, Cartagena, Leon, Barcelona, Saragossa and Huelva.

In Madrid the plush Castellana-Hilton hotel already provides an American bar (whisky 10s a glass), an American grill (fried chicken and ice cream at £1) and an American night-club.

And 500 American-type rooms complete with pipe, radio and automatic ventilation at American prices (£3 for a small single back room, plus tax) will also be available.

Another equally imposing residence is hastily being completed in addition.—London Express Service.

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Appointment Of US Defence Chief Still Held Up

Washington, Jan. 19. The Senate committees today completed the approval of all Eisenhower Cabinet appointments except the challenged choice of Mr Charles E. Wilson to be Defence Secretary.

In quick succession the committees approved Mr Sinclair Weeks of Boston to be Secretary of Commerce, Mr Herbert Brownell Jnr. of New York to be Attorney-General and Mr George M. Humphrey of Cleveland to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Committees had last week approved other appointments as follows:

Mr John Foster Dulles of New York as Secretary of State; Mr Douglas McKay of Oregon as Secretary of the Interior; Mr Ezra Taft Benson of Utah as Secretary of Agriculture; Mr Martin Durkin of Chicago as Secretary of Labour; and Mr Arthur Summerfield of Michigan as the Postmaster General.

All these appointees are to be confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday afternoon and to be sworn in a few hours after Mr Dwight D. Eisenhower takes the oath as President.

Holding up the approval of Mr Wilson's nomination are his financial connections with General Motors Corporation which he formerly headed.

Mr Wilson will appear before the Senate Armed Service Committee again on Wednesday—the day after the inauguration—to "clarify" his earlier testimony which set off a storm of controversy.

Mr Wilson said last week that as Defence Secretary he would not disqualify himself in acting on defence contracts for the three Western Powers, Britain, the United States and France, in a note on January 12, notified the Soviet Government that invitations would be issued for an early meeting of the treaty deputies following a resolution by the United Nations General Assembly last month.

This called for an urgent effort to reach agreement on the terms of an Austrian treaty aimed at bringing an early end to Austria's four-power occupation.

Informed sources said today that Mr Walter C. Dowling, United States High Commissioner in Austria, was likely to be named soon as Chairman of the London meeting.—Reuter.

Involved in the controversy is a law which forbids Government officials to have a direct or indirect interest in a firm doing business with the Government.

Authoritative sources said that Mr Wilson will try to overcome opposition to his appointment by promising to keep

"HANDS OFF".

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PAYMENT FOR WAR DAMAGE

Singapore, Jan. 19. The Malayan War Damages Commission today announced that it has so far allocated Straits \$85,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the Malayan tin mining industry since the war.

Claims amounting to some \$280,000,000 were received from tin mining organisations.

When Japan invaded Malaya, there was a general destruction of tin-mining equipment by the industry itself to put an even bigger obstacle in the way of the Japanese.

The Commission said that the funds available were not enough to meet all demands.

The Commission had to decide how the funds at its disposal for tin mining could be applied with the most productive economic effect in each mine.

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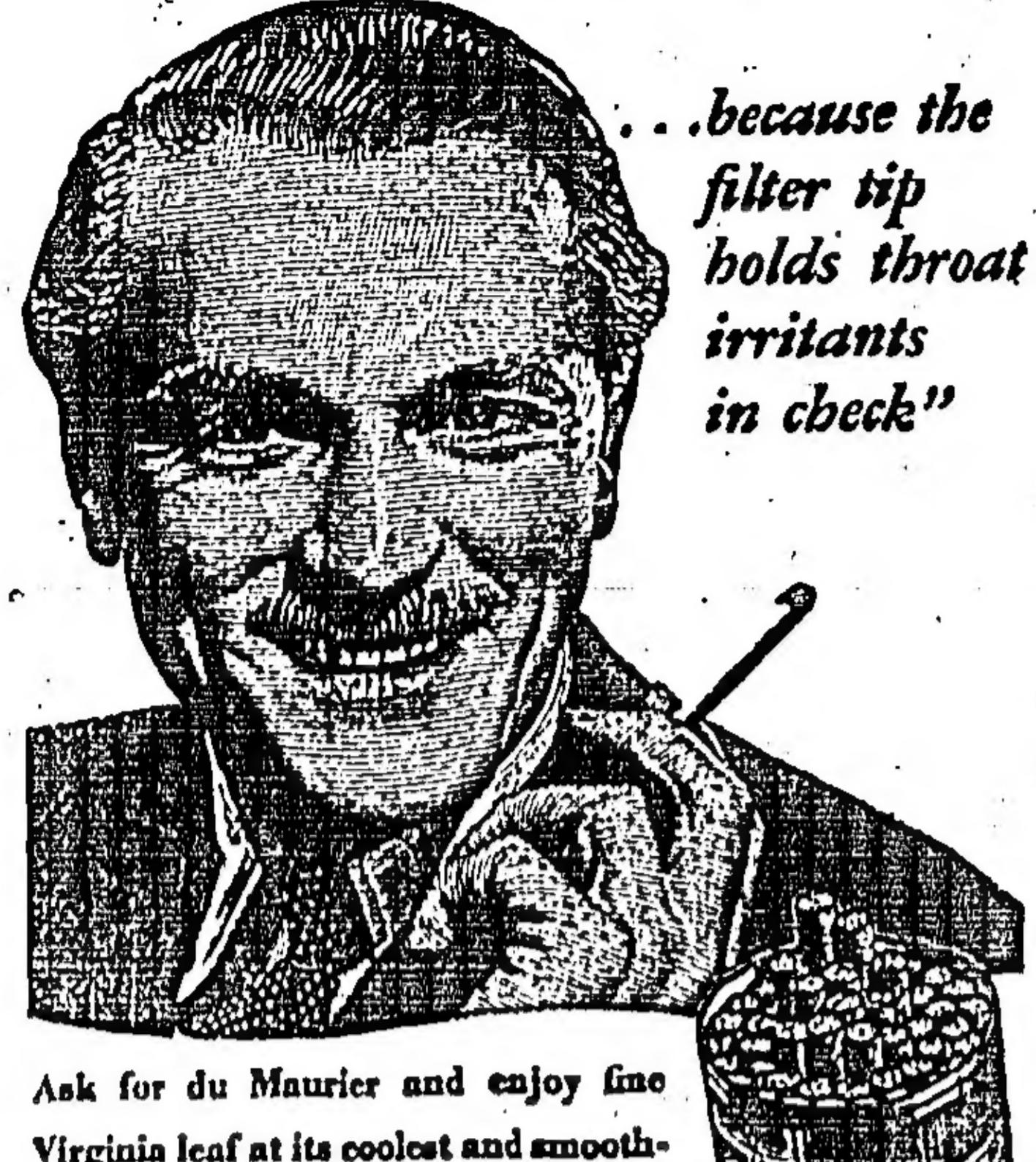
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EISENHOWER BECOMES 34th UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

His inauguration takes place in Washington today... What is his history? What are the qualities or the accidents of fate which have brought him to his present circumstances? Here is a personal portrait drawn by the noted newspaper and radio correspondent

ALISTAIR COOKE

In any gathering of Americans where politics come up, and in many where politics never come up, there is one name these days that is tossed like a charm from lip to lip. It is the name of Eisenhower.

To American women everywhere he looks like the most enviable man alive. And to hear the ladies talk he has the decisiveness of Churchill, the charm of Bing Crosby, the directness of W.H. Rogers, and the political adroitness of Roosevelt. He is the only American of whom it was said that if he wanted the Presidency he could have it.

No American has gone farther from his origins than President Eisenhower. He was born sixty-one years ago in the middle of the wheat plains of Kansas, in the small town of Abilene, which was the terminus of the Pony Express Trail. Here in the 1860s 700,000 head of Texas cattle were driven to be fattened in Kansas. For a time he looked after the American Battle Monuments Commission in Paris. In the early thirties he drafted the first rough plans for industrial mobilisation.

This was a warning to cut throats and roustiers to stay away. Not enough of them did, however; for that year Hickock, as marshal of Abilene, brought the total of his killings to one hundred.

The federal guide to Kansas honours the name of Hickock, and Mayor McCoy and several other famous sheriffs or desperadoes. But you will find no mention of Eisenhower, for when this guide was published in 1939 Eisenhower was in the technically important but otherwise obscure job of Assistant Military Adviser to the Commonwealth of the Philippines; he was the unknown assistant to a very well-known soldier who had been United States Chief of Staff and had retired from the Army two years earlier—General Douglas MacArthur.

Lieutenant-Colonel Eisenhower left Manila for home in December 1939. He was seen off at the airport by his chief, who never saw him again until he went to Tokyo after the war as a five-star general and the United States Chief of Staff.

It was from this interview, and Eisenhower's subsequent assignments in planning the Pacific War, that General Marshall picked Ike as a man who could live up to great responsibility.

Nothing much has come out of the boyhood days in Abilene except a few lusty anecdotes about a bright, rugged little boy who one day took on and

Eisenhower has mentioned several times in his book, and

beat the school bully. If such anecdotes have a rather reconstructed air, it is understandable enough, since not one American in a hundred thousand had ever heard the name of Eisenhower before the North Africa invasion.

All the public knowledge of

Eisenhower has come from the years of his mushroom fame, in spite of the present insistence

old school teachers that they knew a genius when they saw one.

He graduated from West Point in 1915, and for the next twenty-four years went through the usual spectacular but grueling training as a staff officer. He can claim an early familiarity with mechanised warfare, for as long ago as 1918 he organised and commanded the first American camp for tank corps training.

Now this career and the kind of ability he was able to put into it has led to one universal and rather unfair estimate about Eisenhower. It is that he is a GHQ man, a sort of military administrator, a superb politician in uniform, not really a strategist or tactician at all. It is a view not held by anyone who has worked close with him, and General Bradley went out of his way once to "debunk" it.

General Bradley wrote that

it was a "grossly unfair inference" that got round this idea that "Eisenhower functioned in Europe primarily as a political commander, unfamiliar with everyday problems of our tactical war..."

BRADLEY notes that Eisen-

hower's tactical talents had been demonstrated brilliantly years before at Leavenworth, where he finished at the head of his class in 1928. It is at Leavenworth that the United States Army's most promising officers are schooled in the tactics and logistics of senior commands.

"At all times," says General Bradley, "Eisenhower showed himself to be a superb tactician with a sensitive and intimate feel of the front."

This popular fallacy may be unfair to Eisenhower as a soldier, but it points to something true in him as a man: his ability to trust his subordinates, to allow them to take great risks, to stand by the risk and the man, and make the overall decision that time and again brought victory in the last war. In other words, he has a really remarkable judgment of the delicate interplay between a situation and the human beings who are trying to resolve it.

It is this quality, this gift for harmonising variable and often highly volatile personalities, for making them like his compromise, and stay loyal to him, that brought him fame in the war, and has brought him the command of Britons, Americans, Frenchmen and Dutchmen in his job of organising the defence of Western Europe.



London Express Service

IKE'S ELECTION VICTORY CARTOON BY CUMMINGS

ENOUGH OF THIS SCREEN POISON

WHEN will parents

step out and halt
the traffic in poison-
films—the films which are
turning many of their sons
into Crooks and their
daughters towards the
streets?

Most of them specialise in
bashing, brutality, and lubricity.
All but a few are carefully concealed from the critics
—because Hollywood knows
only too well what words of
condemnation we would use to
describe them.

The men who make these
films proudly proclaim that they
have a purpose, because the
brutish villain always gets
caught or killed in the end.

But they know (and their
customers know) that these
pay-the-penalty endings are a
mockery, a shallow pretext to
justify and excuse the nastiness
which has gone before.

Pretexts

FROM the glorification of the
gun, the whip, the beatings
of women, the kicking and
giving the sex and the skin,
film producers make large
profits.

And we pay dollars for them!
Dollars to corrupt our own
sons. Dollars to poison their
minds. Dollars to undermine
the security of our homes—and
their future.

"But," says Hollywood, "we
are only showing a recognised
side of American life and ex-
posing what goes on."

Calculated, disingenuous non-
sense! Gangster films have no
theme or purpose. They use
isolated incidents, never tell a
whole story, never have pur-
pose beyond corruption. They
insult their own country at our
expense.

Do you doubt that a steady
diet of gangster films can turn
a nice lad into a cool boy? Do
you think Crook—the murderer
who even talked in dialogue
right out of a gangster film—was
just a fluke?

LEONARD
MOSLEY

call's attention
to a threat
to young people

Then talk to the men who
watch the effects of poison-
films at close quarters. Talk to
the cinema managers.

I know them well, and they
tell me that they are ashamed
and ashamed of the way in which
these pictures deliberately er-
ecture susceptible minds.

They are often afraid too.
Afraid of the violence they see
with their own eyes—a direct
result of the films they are
called to show.

One manager of a respectable
cinema tells me that whenever
he used to show a film starring
Humphrey Bogart, he had to
hire extra men and warn
them to prepare for trouble.
That was the time when Bogart
was playing the gangster or
tough district attorney.

"In would come my young
male customers to see the gun-
play on the screen, the beatings
and slippings—and then they
would swagger out, to annoy
the usherettes, fight with the
doormen, trip and elbow the
customers they caught on the
stairs," he said.

Destruction

THEY had already left evidence
of the way they felt while
actually watching Bogart on the
screen. Inside the theatre they
had slashed seats with knives,
wrenched ashtrays off stubbed
cigarettes on the seats.

In this cinema a Bogart film
used to mean seat-sloshing in-
creased fivefold.

"Several times," said the
manager, "we discovered that
these young toughs pressed
razor blades into cakes of soap
in the washroom, so that the
next customer would cut his
face on the soap."

hands. That's why we use
liquid soap now—and the con-
tainers of these are regularly
broken."

Bogart doesn't seem to attract
the same destructive following
since he gave up gangster parts.
His place has been taken by
stars like Kirk Douglas and Alan
Ladd, who specialise in rough
stuff.

These poison films specialise
in making the villain the
toughest and bravest man in
the picture.

He is always the most colour-
ful character too, with habits
that young people like to
imitate—such as the way he
throws a coin while his victim
suffers, his brittleness—with
women who still go on adoring
him, his cocky confidence—until
the final few feet of the film.

"The time when my customers
rip up their seats and cause
trouble," says one cinema
manager, "is when the villain
is caught at the end. The
triumph of law and order is so
obviously contrived, so patently
a sop, that they get mad and
take it out on us."

"The answer
is to stop them."

AND then he paused and said:
"Or else they keep their
derision and rage until they get
out into the streets—and then
take it out on other people."

That is the effect of the
poison-films, punishment for
which we pay out dollars by
the million.

How can we stop them?
The censorship works wisely,
but can only work on the
material with which Hollywood
supplies it. It can cut out actual
beatings and gory killings and
sadistic shooting, but the point
of the film remains.

The answer to the danger to
our children is that no more
gangster films should be made.
Hollywood should be told that
they must stop sending them
into our cinemas.

If they refuse? Then stop
importing such films and save
dollars at the same time as we
save our sons.



"Did you hear that crash? They both missed me!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IT is well known that one of the eighteen million four hundred thousand six hundred and twenty-five regulations made by our splendid Ministry of Food lays down that if you have succeeded in obtaining a permit to keep a pig, you must feed the pig yourself. Mr Justice Cocklecurrow will soon be called upon to give a difficult decision. It appears that a plain-clothes spy informed the Ministry that a pig-owner in Dorsetshire was about to feed his pig when someone called him. He handed the food to his brother and went away. The brother fed the pig, in defiance of all law and order, and with a cynical disregard for Authority which cuts at the very roots of England's greatness.

While London sleeps

IT is not every day that a trap is baited with Dover sole in a tunnel of the Underground Railways. What strange animal could be caught in a trap mewling had been heard in the small hours of the morning. "It is a fireman up," a tree, said an official. "Not so," reported the Journal of Psychology at Ohio State University. "The fireman up is a fireman who has just come home from work."

Here and there

FHENEM who released the head of an actress from some area railings in Cleves Street, N.E., were given her a present. The owner of the area gave her one of the railings as a souvenir.

A Walsall shepherd who found a full-sized mackerel in his sock was later trapped in a lift for two hours.

Three passengers left in a bus by a Scandinavian chatwoman were later claimed by her mother, Mrs Grid.

There are 311 engine-spotters in the little village of Goseley, which has no railway.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

BORN today, you're destined to be the key to success. If you follow the dictates of your own mind and utilize your inventive ingenuity to the full, expect that you will go far. But, dear reader, a complete expression of your talents and you will not come up to the expectations of others or to yourself. Although you have many talents and inventive talents, you also have a gift for expression and should make a fine violinist or even a politician. Whatever it is that you do, make your chance early in life and stick to it.

You have a deep respect for truth and frankness. Your word can always be depended upon. Once given, it is as good as a written contract, and take my dearest reader, your quality will doubtless be known as one whom all can lean on in an emergency.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Aug. 20)—Look your very best today for it is likely that some long-anticipated opportunity will come your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Don't be afraid to use things just now. Let them take their natural course for the best results.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Give free rein to all you want to do, but when it comes to the actual decision, make up your own mind!

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 19)—If you let your duties done carefully and efficiently then you will have time to relax later on.

GEMINI (May 20-June 21)—Side-step elements which might come threatening among friends. Seek true harmony today.

CARCINUS (June 22-July 22)—Relax tensions. If you are in too much of a hurry, you might lose something of importance.

CROSSWORD

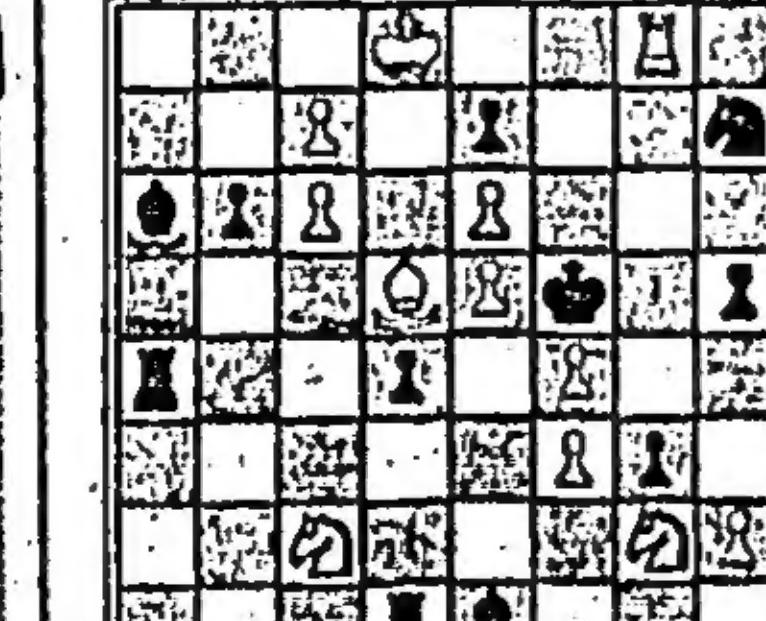


DUMB-BELLS
WHAT'S A GREEK URN?
THIRTY DOLLARS A WEEK UNLESS HE OWNS THE RESTAURANT
THE LEADER SYNDICATE

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. ROSENKILDE
Black, 11 pieces.



CHESSE
By T. O. HARE
Mesmera, Bishop, Knight, and Queen competed for the Chess championship. After one game against each of the others, a win scoring one point and a draw half a point, Mesmera, the Queen, who started favourite, secured the wooden spoon. Her first-round opponent, the Bishop, who won his game against the champion.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-4, Hearts 7-5, Diamonds K-4-2, Clubs A-Q-J-3-2. What do you do?

ANSWER TOMORROW

INTELLIGENCE TEST

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 10

WOMANSENSE

Put Fish On Menu More Often

By Ida Bailey Allen

IN LONDON THE EMBASSIES ARE A SETTING FOR ELEGANT WOMEN

THE PURITAN TOUCH AT A FOREIGN AFFAIR

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE is a right way to play the kind of hand shown today, and several wrong ways. But perhaps I should begin by admitting that South should be satisfied with a contract of three spades and should not venture to game.

Having arrived at his ambitious game contract, South might play the hand in one wrong manner by simply not playing it at all. In other words, he might expose his hand and concede that he must lose one trick in each suit. This would save time, but it would be sheer cowardice.

Another bad way to play the hand is to go at it in a very straightforward style. This permits the opponents to make a mistake but does not actually help them to do so. The chances are that the opponents will take their four tricks.

The right way to play the hand is to win the first trick in dummy with the ace of hearts and return the jack of clubs from the dummy. This is not surefire, of course, but it gives East an excellent chance to go



Editorial Express Service

"IN Europe, fish and seafood are used more often for main dishes than in this country," observed the Chef. "I was much surprised to learn through our recent coast-to-coast survey of families that most American families eat only one fish meal every two or three weeks. With fish now available everywhere, why does this habit exist?"

Protein Content High

"Partly because families do not realize that fish is a flesh food—really meat—and can be cooked in every way the same as meat. Furthermore, exhaustive dietary experiments indicate that a diet containing a daily portion of fish or seafood in place of meat will maintain the red cell count of the blood. Fish protein is comparable to that of beef and liver, and higher than that of milk. These marine foods are also good sources of phosphorus, iron and iodine."

"And to top this off," remarked the Chef, "fish is not expensive and can fit into any budget."

Dinner

Buttered Tomato Juice

Stuffed Fish Fillets

Blushed Browned Potatoes

Spiced Apple Butter Cake

Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four

tabasco. Pour hot into cups. Float $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. butter on each serving.

Dinner

Spinach Cream Soup Croakers

Baked Sole Creole

Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Sliced Carrots

Celery Sticks

Jellied Fruits

Coffee Tea Milk

Baked Sole Creole

Preparation: Prepare a $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb. sole for baking. Rub with 1 tsp. salt mixed with 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate. Fill with Creole stuffing. Place in an oiled baking pan. Pour over $\frac{1}{4}$ c. salad oil; bake 45 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Baste twice with $\frac{1}{4}$ c. tomato juice or water and 1 tsp. lemon juice.

Crocole Stuffing

Mix: 2 tsp. margarine or shortening. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. soft enriched bread crumbs; auto until golden. Add 1 minced peeled section garlic, $\frac{1}{2}$ minced onion, $\frac{1}{2}$ minced seeded green pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. minced celery, and a sliced small tomato. Season with 1 tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. thyme. Beat into the first mixture.

Rub a 3-pt. heat-resistant baking dish with butter or margarine. Pour in 1 pt. or 1 c. boiling water and all in. Sift together 4 c. already-sifted enriched flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. baking soda, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ginger and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. clove. Beat into the second mixture.

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Garnish the soup with croutons and finely-chopped hard-cooked egg. Pipe the mashed potatoes in a casserole and brown in the oven. Add sauteed sliced mushrooms to the carrots. Serve the jellied fruit with custard sauce.

Buttered Tomato Juice

Heat $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. plain tomato juice.

Season to taste with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Worcester sauce and 3 drops

garlic salt.

Garnish the soup with croutons and finely-chopped hard-cooked egg. Pipe the mashed potatoes in a casserole and brown in the oven. Add sauteed sliced mushrooms to the carrots. Serve the jellied fruit with custard sauce.

Boatman photo

Beauty's What You Cultivate

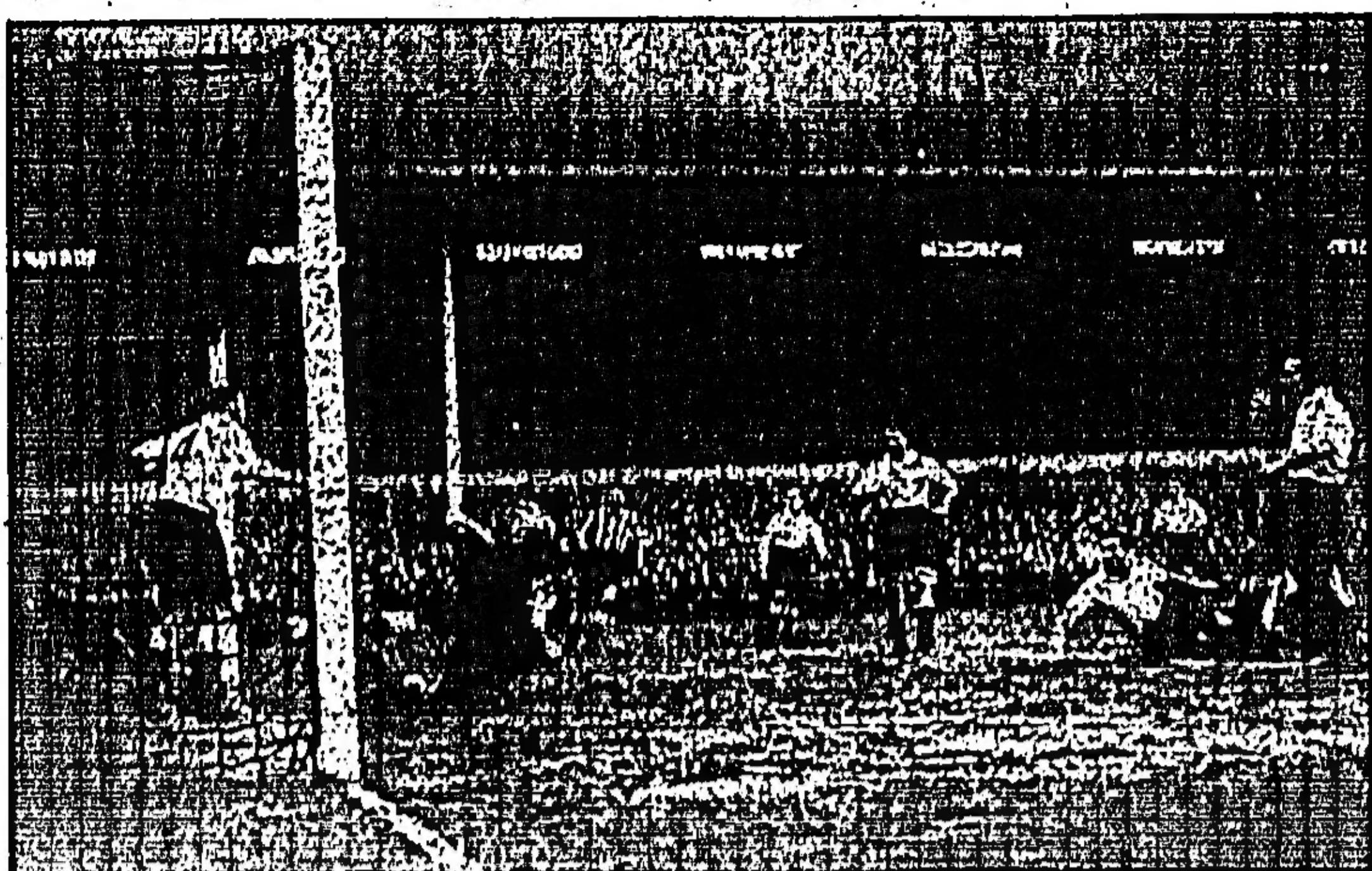


If skin's dry and flaky, use cream to get it into condition. You can cultivate a lovely complexion with care.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Teddy didn't answer but just kept on running.

SPURS v. NEWCASTLE



Ditchburn saves a shot from Milburn (hidden by Ramsey and Clarke, who is on the floor), whilst Nicholson (4) keeps a watchful eye on the goal just in case! Picture taken at White Hart Lane. Spurs won the match 3-2.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Tomorrow, the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting should attract another big crowd of racing enthusiasts to the Valley. A programme of 10 events will again be contested.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the first race starting at 12.00 noon sharp. The tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The Fifth Race begins at 3 p.m.

There are two important events down for decision. The first is the Ladies' Purse, confined to Class 2 ponies, and the second is the P. & O. Cup for Class 3 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Encouragement Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The programme opens with a sprint race confined to Class 9 ponies, with novice jockeys as riders.

Amber (Mr H. K. Cheng), by virtue of its second placing in the Tylong Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the 7th Race Meeting, will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Gracechurch (Mr Yen Ching-han), although it was officially fourth in the above race, as the pony has been running well in morning gallops since then.

Gem (Mr T. S. Leong) and Courteur (Mr Travert) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

SECOND RACE

Northern Handicap: From Near the 1½ Mile Post.

In this race for Class 7 ponies, I don't think it is necessary to look further than Boom Town (Mr C. F. Ng) for the winner.

It will be called upon to carry top weight of 150 lbs., but due to the fact that it won over this distance at the last meeting, carrying 157 lbs. as a Class 8 pony, I believe it is capable of shouldering the extra weight and winning again.

Bon Lovers (Mr Samareq), which was unplaced the last time out, is good over this distance and may just about secure second place.

For the third position a keen struggle should ensue between Deuces Wild (Mr T. S. Leong) and Santa Claus (Mr R. Tsai).

THIRD RACE

Valley Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Among the ponies that are running in this event for 1953 Australian Subscription Ponies, previous winners barred, Flying Dutchman (Mr Pole-Hunt) has the best recommendation for a win.

Ambition (Mr H. H. Chan), which was second on the first day of the Annual Meeting in the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) over the mile, may turn out to be a dangerous proposition. Third place should be fought out between Gabriel Junks (Mr H. K. Chuang) and Perfection (Mr Chun Kit).

FOURTH RACE

Ladies' Purse: One Mile.

This is the first important race of the day and is confined to Class 2 ponies. Looking over the entries, I like the chances of Aviemore (Mr Oliveira); Johnber (Mr Chuang), Bankfoot (Mr Samareq) and Icelield (Mr Botelho).

Aviemore won the Alveston Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the 6th Race Meeting, carrying 135 lbs.

It has been penalised by 15 lbs. as a result of this victory, but I don't think this will hinder its chances of scoring another win.

Johnber is a pony that is constantly improving and at the above meeting it came second to Gold Cup in the First Section of the same event. If Mr Chuang succeeds in getting Johnber in front on the rise of the barrier, it should be near at the finish.

Bankfoot and Icelield, judging from their performances during morning gallops, are not to be

overlooked as ponies likely to upset Aviemore.

FIFTH RACE

Valley Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint race and, judging from its second placing in the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) on Saturday, Iping (Mr K. Kwok) should win, provided it can get off to a good start.

Adorable Ada (Mr Ostroumoff), which was second in the same event (Fourth Section), should have no difficulty in taking second position.

Lassie (Mr Samareq) and Gold Crown (Mr Pole-Hunt) should fight out the issue for third place.

SIXTH RACE

P. & O. Cup: One Mile.

This second important event of the afternoon will witness the return encounter between Lily (Mr C. A. Lee) and Adorable Atlanta (Mr Ostroumoff).

Lily had the better of Adorable Atlanta for the first position by a neck at the last meeting. Tomorrow it will carry 140 lbs., whereas Adorable Atlanta will carry 154 lbs.

Lily must command the most support, and although I am inclined to nominate it to win, I look to Adorable Atlanta to give it a better fight and, with a little luck, reverse its defeat.

The third position will be decided between Tonberry (Mr Chung) and Meadowbrook (Mr Kwok).

SEVENTH RACE

Encouragement Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Mataador (Mr Chung) has a good opportunity of winning this race in view of its third placing in the Quarry Bay Handicap over the mile at the last meeting.

Al Fresco (Mr Ostroumoff) should have something to say about the finish. A Grand Time (Mr Liu) is another pony to bear in mind and over a sprint race it should be well beaten.

Jennifer (Mr F. Noodt) and Windthorst (Mr Samareq) are not to be neglected and Phoenix, with Mr C. A. Lee up, is to be considered as it is essentially a sprinter.

EIGHTH RACE

Inspiration Handicap: From the 2 miles Post.

This race will be contested by Class 9 ponies and among the entries Helophyte (Mr R. Tsai), winner of the Quarry Bay Handicap over the mile at the last meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Gladolus (Mr T. S. Leong), winner of the Tamkang Bay Handicap at the last meeting for Class 10A ponies.

Prairie Moon (Mr Oliveira), Busy Bee (Mr Samareq) and Dawn (Mr F. Noodt) are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to give the favourites a good fight.

NINTH RACE

Valley Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint event in which Hallmark (Mr Coppin) should be prominent at the finish.

In view of the opposition, it should not be fully extended except, perhaps, by Mineola (Mr Kwok).

Fidra (Mr Boycott) should be placed and Precious Mine (Mr T. L. Wong) may be worth following as an outsider.

TENTH RACE

Western Handicap: From the 2 miles Post.

The final race of the day will be contested by Class 7 ponies.

There is not much to choose from among the entries, although it

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

PICKS BOB MATHIAS AS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

By JOHN CHANDLER

New York, Jan. 20.

Bob Mathias, twice Olympic Decathlon Champion, Stanford University football star and rated by many the world's greatest athlete, was proclaimed male "athlete of the year" for 1952 in the 22nd Associated Press year-end poll.

The 21-year-old, whose athletic prowess is known from his Californian home to Helsinki and around the civilised world, was the overwhelming choice of the 165 sports writers and sportsters who participated in the nationwide poll.

Robert Bruce Mathias received 64 first place votes and amassed 249 points on a 3-2-1 basis. This was far ahead of Rocky Marciano, who knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in September in Philadelphia and became the new Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World. Marciano got 19 first place votes and 135 points.

ZATOPEK THIRD

No other athlete received more than 63 points. That total was piled up by Emil Zatopek, the great Czechoslovakian distance runner who won the 5,000 and 10,000 Metres runs and the Marathon in last summer's Olympics.

In fourth place with 64 points came Bobby Shantz, the little Philadelphia Athletics pitching star whose 24-7 record made him the leading won-and-lost hurler in the American League.

Behind Shantz came Billy Vassell, Oklahoma's All-American back, 52 points; Julius Doros, U.S. Open Golf Champion, 44; Robin Roberts, Philadelphia Phillies hurling ace, whose 28 games won was highest in the

major since 1934; 40; Mickey Mantle, New York Yankees, who took over Joe DiMaggio's place in centrefield and helped spark the club to a fourth straight World Championship, 39; Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, All-American basketball player, 18; Dick Great Duke, All-American basketball player and cookie shortstop with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals outfielder, who led the National League in batting for the sixth time, both 17 points.

CHAMPION AT 17

Mathias was 17 when he captured the 1948 Olympic Decathlon laurels at London. He had become National AAU Decathlon Champion in June of that year and was given a good chance to win at London.

He did, thus becoming the youngest athlete to capture the grueling two-day competition of 10 events, which only the world's best athletes try. His point total was 7,139.

The following January he was voted the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy as the amateur athlete who did most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during 1948.

Mathias successfully defended his AAU crown in 1949 and 1950, but didn't compete in 1951. In the autumn of 1951 he blossomed into one of the mainstays of the Stanford University football team, at fullback.

Early in July last year he set a world record of 7,825 points at Tulare to win a berth on the Olympic Decathlon team, and then before a crowd of some 70,000 in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on July 26 he again won the Decathlon, shattering his own world record with 7,887 points.

Then the athlete returned home from Finland and announced he did not intend to enter a third Olympics. He returned to football, and Stanford, where he is to be graduated next June.

Mathias, who stands six feet three and weighs 204 pounds, is the third track star to be voted the honour since the poll was inaugurated in 1931. Jesse Owens, U.S. Olympic star in the Berlin Games, was honoured in 1936, and Gudmar Haegg, the great Swedish miler, was voted the title in 1943.—Associated Press.

BOB MATHIAS

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BOB MATHIAS



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Tokyo, Jan. 10. The Japan Procurement Agency of Army Forces, Far East, has awarded Japanese firms 109 contracts totalling \$11,000,000 during the week ending January 15.

The announcement said payment of \$10,219,107 will be from U.S. appropriated funds and \$675,531 will be paid from security forces Yen funds.

Stevedoring services made up the bulk of the contracts.

Fourteen firms got contracts amounting to \$5,800,000 in U.S. funds.

Five firms were given fertilizer orders totalling \$1,093,100.

Coal represented the largest single commodity purchased from security forces Yen funds during the period.

The purchase went to six firms and amounted to \$400,708.

Associated Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Jan. 19. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.

February 135 1/2-14

March 135 1/2-14

April 135 1/2-14

Number 3 rubber

February 80 1/2-9

Number 3 rubber

February 73 1/2-8 1/2

March 73 1/2-8 1/2

Spot rubber, unbaled 84 1/2-9 1/2

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NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Jan. 19. Prices of rubber futures closed 50 to 70 points higher with sales totalling 41 contracts.

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March 22.75 bid

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LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 19. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in pence

February 241 1/2-31

March 241 1/2-31

April/June 231 1/2-31

July/September 231 1/2-31

October/December United Press

Tibetan Trade At Standstill

Lucknow, Jan. 19.

No restrictions appear to have been imposed on the export of commodities along the 200-mile Outer Frontier border. English reports from Kallimpong, West Bengal, mountain town and centre of the Indo-Tibetan caravan trade, had said the Indian Government had banned the export of certain goods to Tibet.

The flow of goods to Tibet from Outer Frontiers, however, has been at a standstill for some time owing to certain restrictions laid down by the Chinese authorities.—United Press.

Trend Of Bank Earnings In Britain: National Provincial's Dividend

(By Norman Crump)

London.

The increase in the National Provincial Bank's dividend from 15 to 16 per cent naturally created a mild sensation, if only because it is the first change made by any of the "big five" banks since their dividend reductions at the time of the 1930-32 crisis.

Its main interest, however, lies in the light it throws upon the trend of bank earnings.

Between November, 1951, and the summer of 1952 there were two main changes.

The first was the increase in bank rate from two to four per cent, with corresponding increases in the banks' deposit and advance rates, in the discount on bills and in the yield on Government securities.

The second and consequential change was the sharp fall in the market price of Government securities, which began in November, 1951, and was arrested last summer.

The first change on balance helped the banks' current earnings. They now have to pay two per cent on their deposits, instead of half per cent, and there has been some shift of customers' money from current to deposit account as the result of today's more attractive rate. Against this, the banks are now able to earn more on their bills and advances.

Notwithstanding any recent increases in staff and pension costs, disclosed bank profits for 1952 were higher than those of the previous year. It is also true to say that they were higher than at one time seemed likely.

INVESTMENT VALUES
The crux, of course, is the depreciation in the banks' investments. Here it may be said at once that this depreciation has almost entirely of "dated" Government stocks. These mature at various dates, most of which are less than ten years ahead. On maturity they will be repaid at par, and there is no reason at all why the banks should have to sell any of them in the meantime.

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That is ample justification for the decision taken six months ago by most of the banks to value their investments not at prevailing market prices, but "at or under cost and below redemption price." It also justified their then decision to make no provision out of the half-year's profits, or from contingency reserves or published reserves, against this depreciation.

The December 31 bank balance-sheets have not yet appeared. When they do shall we be very surprised if they do not contain footnotes showing that the banks are maintaining their attitude of six months ago.

BAD DEBTS
While some of the banks have made allocations from disclosed profits to contingencies, there have also been transfers from contingencies to published reserves.

The main purpose of the contingency of undisclosed reserve is to provide for bad and doubtful debts, which are far more real source of loss than are fluctuations in the value of the bank's investments. In view of the state of certain trades during the past year, the banks cannot have escaped some loss in respect of bad debts.

The fact that some of them have been able to make these transfers from contingencies to published reserves shows that ample provision was made even for a year which must have been more difficult than some of its predecessors.

For full knowledge of the banks' 1952 experience we must await their chairman's statements. It seems clear, however, that the banks have successfully weathered a year which brought with it financial conditions which were now even to many of the banks' senior officers.

This is all the more reason for looking forward with confidence to what one hopes will prove a less troubled year.

THE SMALL FIRM

The current issue of the magazine published by Imperial Chemical Industries contains a timely article by Mr. S. P. Chambers on our industries need for new capital. As he so rightly points out, the present burden of taxation has destroyed the former main source of capital, namely savings by industrial companies themselves and also by private individuals. Insurance companies and pension funds cannot wholly fill the gap, because they must "play safe," and so cannot readily finance the smaller and newer businesses.

The raising of the rediscount rate was one of the items that traders blamed for a slip of prices on the New York Stock Exchange.—Associated Press.

The additional increase will tend to discourage commercial banks from borrowing money from Federal Reserve Banks and lending it to business firms and individuals.

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Fortunately, though it is only a part of the answer, there are

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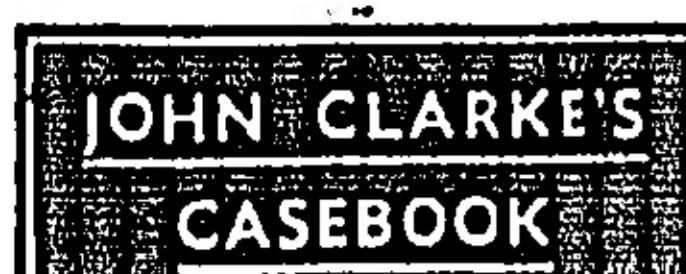
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WHEN he was two years old, something happened to James. As a result of what happened then, he has moved through life ever since with stumps for legs, propelling himself, wherever he needed to go, on strong, capable gloved hands.

James is 43 now. His fair hair is thinning, and time has drawn some lines in his face, but he is still good-looking, and though he has gone through the years regarding other men from knee-level, no despair shows in his features. Physically, in the nature of things, you look down upon him; in other ways, James obliges you to look up to him.

James was brought into the courtroom at Great Marlborough Street the other morning to be charged with beggary. He was not asked to go into the dock, and he made his plea of not guilty from the floor beside it.

THE dock stood empty as the case was heard, and at moments, looking at it, and listening to the careful words being spoken, the empty dock took on the stature of stage scenery possessing great symbolic significance. It was as though justice itself were in trial in a twentieth-century morality.

A kind-looking policeman told Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate, of seeing James in Oxford Street, squatting on the pavement and holding out an open palm as if for alms. People had paused before him, and the constable said, handed James "something" that might have been money. "As I approached," the officer said, "I heard him say to a woman, 'Spare a copper, lady!'"

"How did you take him to the police station?" the magistrate asked.

"By the hand," the policeman answered, and somehow made the words seem like something from a tender nursery tale.

JAMES now said to the officer: "Weren't you on the other side of the street?"

"I watched you from the other side," the policeman agreed.

"Then probably you didn't see I was selling almanacs, not begging," James said. "I started off with seven dozen almanacs, I'd only 25 left when you arrested me." He turned to the magistrate. "Look, sir," he said, "I've worked all my life. This officer said I was in the position for beggary, that's what he told me. I can't help me position, it's what the Lord gave me..."

"No, no," said the magistrate. "We're all sympathetic, but, looking at that officer, I don't think he's hard-hearted. Mr Morgan..." He called for the probation officer, who went into the witness-box.

"THIS man," said Mr Morgan, "usually works in partnership with an accordion player. It appears they had a row, and on his own this man hasn't been able to earn so much. He told me he only took 12s. yesterday. When he was with his partner they used to take £1 a day each."

"Mmm," said the magistrate, "not so much harmony now, eh?"

"If I was selling pearls, sir, they'd not take me for beggars. Just because of my position..." James put in.

"Yes, yes," the magistrate said, and he added to the world at large "This man has disabilities enough to bear. I think he's a man to help rather than hinder. What can we do?" The last question was addressed to the probation officer.

"I shall discharge him absolutely," said Mr Thomas.

James swung gratefully from the courtroom. There was no fine to pay. He would not re-enter the partnership as a liability financially. He asked no greater favor. Indeed, asking favors, I think, was not much in his line.

CUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Ex-POW Repays Debt To A Chinese Boy Scout

FROM H. KING-WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 16. A former Australian prisoner of war this week helped to repay a debt to a Chinese boy scout from Singapore who befriended him while interned during the war.

He paid £125 so that the young man could fly home to his dying mother.

The scout risked severe punishment to feed the Australian during the Japanese occupation of Singapore.

When the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Sydney had ended the Australian drove all the way from Brisbane to take the lad home with him so that he could be his guest for a few weeks. By the time they reached Brisbane, however, word arrived saying his mother was not expected to live.

The scout had little money—his return passage had been paid by boat—so the Australian bought him an air ticket and drove him to the plane.

A man who offered a £100 block of sugar as reward for his lost dog has met his maker. But before Darkie relished his happy hours the man's phone ran hot and there were 80 people with over 100 dogs to take care of.

One fellow arrived with five dogs, a lead and suggested that he take the place of the owner.

But the young married couple who eventually found the dog have rung up their bill to £100. Score for one week was five snakes and a few harmless lizards.

Darkie was sufficient reward, and he has a rough idea that Pam might be eight.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Remanded On Serious Charges

Nationalists Readmitted

Geneva, Jan. 10.

The Executive Board of the World Health Organisation today voted a resolution admitting Nationalist China as a member, China withdrew from the organisation in 1950.

China has been the harvest that New South Wales which at one stage looked like calling on other states to meet its own consumption needs. It will now have about 6,000 million bushels of export.

Most of the surplus wheat has been earmarked for International Wheat Reserve, but a considerable amount will be left for the "free" market.

The Australian Wheat Board is confident it can sell this but expects keen competition from Canada and America.

China owes the organisation \$2,021,000 in subscription arrears.

She has paid no subscription since 1948.

The Executive Board decided to accept a token payment of \$15,000. The remainder of the arrears will be subject to a future arrangement.—Reuters.

The date of hearing of the case was fixed for March 9 and 10.

Gale Hampered Rescue Work

Gale winds hampered

rescue work

survivors of ill-fated American aircraft which crashed off the Swatow coast, according to a spokesman of the USS Everett

which returned this morning.

Everett was one of the American destroyers despatched to the scene to join the search

forces, which comprised USS

Gregory, Halsey, Powell, Sullivans

and HMS Morecambe Bay.

The British destroyer also

returned this morning.

We did not see much except

for bits of debris—pieces of

camvas and a box floating

around," said an officer of

Everett.

Australians would have to get used

to the idea of a big influx of Japanese

soldiers soon, Corporal F. R. Sperling

declared this week on his return

from the Far East.

gradual built-up of voice

modulations. The fore-phrase

was echoed by a slightly louder

after-phrase, leading up to a

beautiful forte with the close

a splendid expressive whisper.

Perhaps the most notable trait

in these songs was her charming

flowing cantabile style. Music

simply flowed from her.

However in the two operatic

numbers she revealed the rare

qualities which made her one

of America's top-ranking

sopranos. Here was magnificence, emotional penetration, and sincerity of expression in every measure.

The famous and magnificent

"Suicide" from the four-set

tragedy opera La Gioconda

presented some lovely low notes

which were solid and warm,

the accuracy in her top notes

and the full tone in her climactic

passages were superb.

Presented by Mr Harry Odell,

she will give another recital to-

night with a different pro-